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Group: 3613

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Application No.: 10/074,599

Invention: ROPE LOCKING DEVICE WITH
AUTOMATIC SAFETY
MECHANISM

Applicant: Brad E. Hossler

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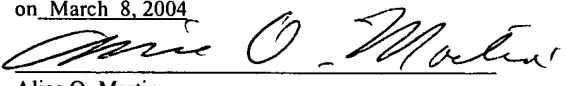
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 7, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 7, 2003, applicants' request that the following amendments are entered and the following remarks are considered.

A petition for a two-month extension of time until March 7, 2004, is filed concurrently with the required fee.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this response.